

Snow Links Success Of Jewish People To Years of Inbreeding

NEW YORK, March 31 (AP).—C. P. Snow, the British scientist and novelist, suggested Monday that Jews, through centuries of inbreeding, may have acquired a genetic superiority that leads to success in many fields.

"Is there something in the Jewish gene pool which produces talent on quite a different scale from, say the Anglo-Saxon gene pool?" Snow asked. "I am prepared to believe that it may be so.

"Take any test of achievement you like—in any branch of science, mathematics, literature, music, public life. The Jewish performance has been not only disproportionate, but almost ridiculously disproportionate."

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Snow appeared at a news conference to comment on a speech he was to deliver at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Snow said the Jewish record of achievement was mainly "of this last generation, although one can stretch back to the early 19th century, the first time that Jews had any chance to compete with Gentiles over a wide range of human activities."

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He acknowledged that Americans would probably not like a theory that any group might be superior to other groups because of the quality of its genes,

the basic substances that determine heredity.

But he argued that if such a theory were correct, it need not lead to racism but to a more effective use of the abilities of such groups.

Snow also acknowledged that he had judged Jewish accomplishments on the basis of Western scientific culture, and that other societies might have other standards.

The scientist refused to be drawn into a discussion of the genetics of the Negro race.